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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a resident of San Francisco and love that there is competition for my broadband services in the Bay Area. I use broadband for my DSL and land line.

I prefer to use a local provider, in my case Sonic, that has superior customer service and also gives back to the community in meaningful ways, especially for people affected by the wildfires as one example.

I oppose the petition put forward by USTelecom, the trade association which represents some of the nations largest incumbent carriers (such as AT&T, Verizon, and others) that has petitioned the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Within their petition they falsely claimed:

"In the residential marketplace, competition will not be materially affected by forbearance from Section 251(c)(3) because there is effectively no remaining UNE-based competition in that marketplace." - USTelecom

I am a living example of someone who uses a local provider as previously mentioned. Sonic is working hard to install its own fiber which will increase speed and bring down prices. If this petition goes through , my understanding is it will cause price hikes.

In conclusion, as a residential Sonic customer I will be adversely affeted if this petition is approved.

Thank-you for letting my voice be heard.

Sincerely,

Dore Steinberg